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E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN ZIARE

1. PRESIDENT BONGO TOLD ME MARCH 18 THAT HE HAD SPOKEN EARLIER SAME DAY ON TELEPHONE WITH MOBUTU, WHO HAD CALLED TO THANK BONGO FOR NOTE OFFERING SYMPATHY AND ASSISTANCE IN WAKE OF SHABA " INVASION". IN RESPONSE TO BONGO QUERY HOW GOG COUD BE MOST HELPFUL, MOBUTU PROMISED HAVE VP/ FONMIN NGUZA STOP BRIEFLY IN LIBREVILLE EVENING MARH 18 EN ROUTE TONIGERIA TO PRIVED BRIEFING ON SHABA SITUATION AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE GOG ASSISTNACE.

2. LOCAL PRESS MARCH 19 REPORTS NGUZA SPENT TWO HOURS WITH BONGO BUT GIVES NO DETAILS ON THEIR CONVERSATION. NGUZE TOLD JOURNALISTS HE HAD DESCRIBED TO BONGO " AGGRESSION" COMMITTED AGAINST ZAIRE BY FORCE OF " FIVE THOUSAND MERCENARIES." NGUZA DECLINED TO CHARACTERIZE INVADERS AS FORMER KATANGAN GENDARMES, IDENTIFYING THEM SIMPLY AS FORCE TRAINED AND OFFICERED BY ANOTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY. ASKED WHETHER ZAIRE EXPECTED INTERNATIONAL ASSISTNACE, NGUZA REPLIED THAT HIS COUNTRY " AS MATTER OF PRICNIPLE" DEPENDENT ONLY ON ITSELF.

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3. COMMENT: NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT FORM OF ASSISTANCE GOG COUD USEFULLY OFFER, BUT WE WILL ATTEMPT DETERMINE BONGOS INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD. STEIGMAN

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